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FROM:

John F. Brown, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT:

New Single Subject Waiver Program Requirements

On June 28, 1982, new Title 5 Regulations for Single Subject Waiver Programs and Supplementary Authorizations were granted final approval by the Office of Administrative Law, following prior approval by the Commission and by the State Board of Education. These have been submitted to the Secretary of State and become effective on July 28, 1982. A copy of the complete regulations is attached for your information.

Of particular interest to institutions of higher education are the revised requirements for the development and approval of subject matter programs as waivers from the subject matter examination requirement. These requirements are specified in Sections 80085, 80085.1, 80086, 80087, 80088, and 80094.

The new Title 5 Regulations state that "programs approved under regulations that existed on March 31, 1982 shall continue to be approved until January 1, 1984". Institutions will thus have this period of time to refine and revise existing programs for submission for approval under the new requirements.

While the new regulations also state that revised subject matter programs "may be submitted to the Commission for review and approval/deny as of July 1, 1982", I am requesting that institutions withhold such submission until a later date. Since the new regulations require a major change in the process of reviewing subject matter programs; i.e., require the use of an external panel, Commission staff is presently involved in making determinations as to the exact nature of the process, and of the criteria to be used in making approval/denial decisions. It is expected that the new approval system will be defined, and the field notified, by mid-October.

Should you have any specific questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact Dr. Robert Kane (916/324-2450).

Attachment